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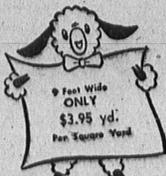
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By GENEVIEVE SIMPSON

More than 300 persons attended the Christmas dance given last Saturday by Las Vecinas, the new women's organization made up of Hollywood Riviera and Seaside Ranchos residents. The ballroom at the Beach club was gaily decorated with holly, greens, and red berries, with white-sprayed tumble weeds hanging from the rafters.

Features during the evening were a waltz contest, a rumba and a conga line, with prizes for the winners. Music was provided by Benny Legasse and his orchestra, he being a former studio music director.

Under the leadership of Mrs. R. H. Blakely of Hollywood Riviera, with combined Hollywood Riviera-Seaside Ranchos membership, the newly-formed club will use proceeds of this dance for a children's Christmas party Saturday afternoon at the beach club.

Prize-winners in the waltz contest were Dr. and Mrs. Harry Shepherd of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Phillips of Los Angeles, and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Patrosky of Hollywood Riviera; while top rumba honors went to three other couples—Mrs. R. H. Blakely of Hollywood Riviera and Mr. Jimmy Berkeley, her guest; Mrs. Bill Beckman, Hollywood Riviera, and her partner, Mr. Phillipson of Los Angeles; and Mrs. Edward Payne and partner Mr. John Kirby, both of Seaside Ranchos.

A most enjoyable program was presented by the children of Walteria School the evening of Dec. 9. The crowd numbered close to 500.

Mrs. Paul Roettger presided over the meeting and community singing of Christmas carols was led by Mrs. Eva Kelly, accompanied by Mrs. Marie French.

Mrs. Beasley's kindergarten children and Mrs. Springer's first grade sang the major part of their program. Mrs. Springer accompanied them. The youngsters were dressed in red and white Christmas costumes. As they sang "Who Comes Down the Chimney?" "Santa and Mrs. Santa Claus" emerged from the chimney, with gifts for the community. Children dressed as the "New Library," the "New Community Building," were presented. The "Mayor" was there to receive them.

However, when the "New School" was presented the package was still wrapped in yards of red tape. Other Merry Christmas songs were "Upon the Housetop," "The Christmas Question," "Jolly Old St. Nicholas," and the children's favorite, "Jingle Bells."

As Santa's chimney was taken from the stage, the beautiful street scene with an old Spanish adobe casa came into view. Boys dressed in serapes, girls in long skirts, white blouses and head scarfs sang and paraded through the street as the Spanish dons of early California used to be in religious, social celebration of Christmas. Children sang and chatted in Spanish their songs "Carmencita," "Las Posadas," and "La Pinita," were beautifully modulated. "Cascarones," (colored hollow egg shells filled with confetti), were broken over favorite girls' and boys' heads, and the "pinita" (Christmas bag), was broken open with a stick held in the hands of blindfolded boy.

The children have learned 22 Spanish words for their vocabularies, as well as the Spanish songs, in the class study and preparation for the play. Mrs. Rowena Lawson accompanied the singing. Mrs. Isabelle Showler and Mrs. Marilyn Hickson, their teachers, deserve much credit for the performance.

Sammy Martin Hosts Gay Birthday Party

Two-year-old Sammy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin, of 2827 Gramercy avenue, entertained a group of his friends at the family home Saturday afternoon in celebration of his birthday.

Enjoying the delightful party were Ronnie and Jimmie Garver, Davy and Mike Disario, Frankie Barrier, Leonard Williamson, Maurice and Johnny Shaffer, Diane and Ronald Oran, hundo, Bob and Gail Lee Waltz, Sandra and Roberta Davis, and the young host.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN DANIEL WINNER

Couple Exchange Vows at Walteria Church

In a candlelight ceremony attended by nearly one hundred and fifty wedding guests, Miss Wanda Arlene Dunn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Haig, 3690 Newton street and John Daniel Winner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Winner, 3415 Newton street plighted their troth at the Walteria Assembly of God church, Walteria.

A full-length gown of white satin was worn by the bride and she carried a cascade bouquet of gardenias and carnations. Her lace-trimmed fingertip veil was caught up in a tiara of carnations.

Miss Ruth Lord was maid of honor. Her full-length gown of pink chiffon was complemented with a Colonial bouquet of pale yellow roses.

Miss Georgiana Winner in green taffeta as bridesmaid also carried yellow roses.

Attending the bridegroom as best man was Bill Winner and Tommy Winner was usher. Organ music preceded the ceremony with Miss Caroline Allstrand at the organ. Rev. William Dreistadt read the marriage lines.

Preceding the bridal entourage down the aisle was little Mattie Margaret Bates as flower girl in a full-length gown of yellow dotted swiss. She carried a basket of rose petals.

A reception followed at the church with the bride cutting the three-tiered wedding cake.

Following a brief honeymoon the newlyweds now are residing in Walteria.

The bride attended Narbonne High School and was graduated from Torrance High School. Mr. Winner received his education in Kansas and now is employed at the Dicalite Corporation.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

All members of Torrance Chapter No. 380, Order of the Eastern Star, are invited to a lovely Christmas luncheon to be served at Masonic Temple at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21.

Following luncheon a business meeting will be conducted by President Mrs. Alethea Smith.

SERVICE HONOR IS AWARDED TO CAMP FIRE GIRLS

The Odako Camp Fire group met Tuesday afternoon at the First Baptist church. Highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the Red Feather Service Honor, given for work during the Community Chest drive. Ten girls received this award: Jeanette Arnolds, Patricia Mounger, Deanna Shriver, Marlon Morgan, Shirley Lewis, Carlene Sandstrom, Sharon Stewart, Donna Barker, Willa Harris and Emily Hocking.

On December 21 a party will be given by the guardians, Beulah Morgan and Engelepe Sandstrom. All members are urged to attend. This will be the last meeting until after the holidays.

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Mrs. Myers Is Party Honoree

Complimenting Mrs. Bessie V. Myers, of 1417 Post avenue, who this week moved to a new home in Pasadena, Mrs. Robert S. Sleeth and Mrs. W. H. Stanger arranged a going-away dinner party at Irons Cottage-by-the-Sea.

Covers were arranged for the honoree and a group of friends who for several years have held an annual gathering at this season. Present were Mesdames Myers, Sleeth, Stanger, Sidney E. Smith, L. G. Barkdull, J. C. Snow, James R. Wilkes and H. F. Robinson.

Following dinner, the ladies were entertained at cards at the Stanger home where prizes for high score at contract were received by Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Robinson.

BROWNIE MOTHERS ENJOY FESTIVITIES AT BRADFORD HOME

Mrs. George A. Bradford's home was a setting for an enjoyable meeting of the Mothers Club of Brownie Troop No. 409 sponsored by Torrance Junior Woman's Club. Hostess for the evening was Mrs. Ray Neely.

During the brief business session, conducted by Mrs. Bradford, the women decided to hold evening meetings on the second Thursday of each month.

Following an exchange of gifts refreshments were served. Present were Mesdames Frank Farrell, J. J. MacDonaki, Helen Selover, L. E. Wikom, C. E. Baker, Ralph Sprout, Howard Schott, Sam Neely, J. E. Hedberg, Lela E. Stone, H. C. St. Martin, Ray Neely, Philip Humphreys and G. A. Bradford Jr.

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